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PEOPLE & CANALS

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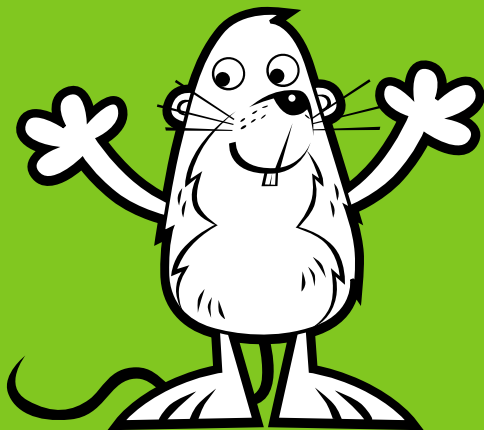


Activity 1:
Who’s doing what on the canal?

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WHAT YOU’RE GOING TO FIND OUT.

It’s time to find out what people do along the waterways. You’re going to ask people what they think of the stretch of the canal you’ve been finding out about, and what changes they would like or not like. Then you’ll fill out a questionnaire.



WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- identification poster 7
- this pupil workbook
- clipboards, pencils, rubbers
- questionnaire and recording forms
- watch
- camera/binoculars and portable tape recorder, if possible

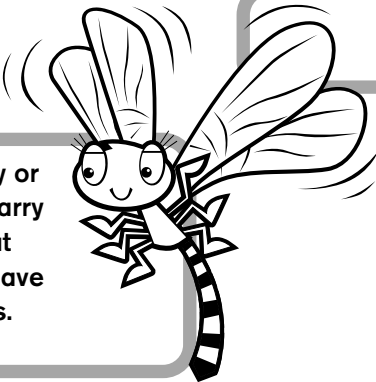
① Before you start, fill in the top of your recording form below.

NAME
DATE & DAY
TIME
NAME OF CANAL
SITE / PLACE

FROM	TO

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE ALONG THE CANAL?

② Walk slowly along your stretch of canal. If you reach the end, walk back again – avoid counting the same person twice!



What is going on will be affected by the day of the week and the time of day.

You might like to bring your family or friends down at the weekend to carry out the same survey and see what differences there are. You must have an adult with you, when doing this.

③ Write down how many people you see on the towpaths and on the water. What are they doing?

On the canal banks (both sides)
On the canal

TALLY	TOTAL
	==
	==

④ If you have a camera make a photographic record of all the things people are doing.

WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

If more than one thing choose the main one.

ON THE CANAL BANKS

(both sides)

	TALLY	TOTAL
Fishing		==
Walking a dog / carrying shopping		==
Jogging		==
Picnic / drinking		==
Sitting and watching		==
Using the lock gates		==
Cycling		==
Birdwatching		==
Other		==

ON THE WATER

	TALLY	TOTAL
On a working boat		==
On a narrowboat		==
On a river cruiser		==
In a canoe		==
On a sailing boat		==
In another kind of boat		==



Everyone in the class should look at the results together and discuss:

- ① What is the most popular thing people did?
What is the least popular?
Why is this?
- ② What kind of boats are the most common on the waterway here?
Why is this?

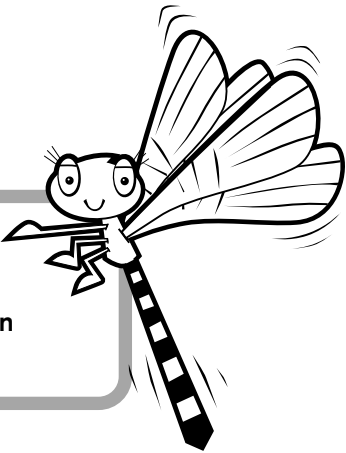
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Activity 2:
What do people think about the canal?

To find out what people think, you will need to interview people using the canal. It would be good if you could compare a week day with a weekend day.

Some people might not like being interviewed. Why do you think this might be?

You must have an adult with you when you are asking questions.
Try not to interview the same person more than once, and only interview one person from any one boat or group/family, because they may have the same opinions.

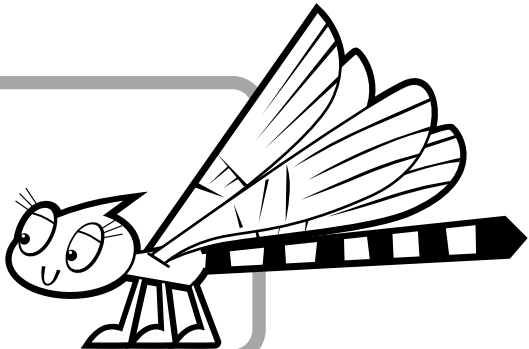


- ① You'll need a Questioner and a Recorder to write down the responses.
Always have an adult with you.
- ② Politely ask whether the person using the canal will help by answering some questions. Make sure the Recorder is ready to write answers down.
- ③ Ask the questions and record the answers.
- ④ Change roles for the next interview.
- ⑤ When you have finished gathering information, discuss the answers you got from people with the rest of your team – what did they think about the canal?

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Here's the sort of thing you can ask –
“Would you mind helping us with our survey for British Waterways? There are no right or wrong answers, we are just looking for your opinions about the canal and its future. It will take about 5 minutes.
Thank you.”



PEOPLE INTERVIEWED

1	2	3	4	5
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Q 1: Do you know the name of the canal here?

Check that they really do by asking them to name the canal

YES

NO

Q 2: How often do you visit the canal?

Once/twice a day

Once/twice a week

Once/twice a month

Once/twice a year

Once in a lifetime

Q 3: How far away from the canal do you live?

Less than a mile away

One to five miles away

Five to ten miles away

Ten to twenty miles away

Over twenty miles away

Q 4: Which of the following activities have you taken part in on this part of the canal?

Fishing

Walking - any kind

Jogging

Cycling

Using the lock gates

Working on boats

Day out/holiday on a boat

Birdwatching

Other

Q 5: Do you think this section of the canal is attractive?

YES

NO

Why?

1
2
3
4
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Q 6: Which of the following would you like to see take place?

Litter/graffitti cleared

Hedges cut more often

Seats provided

Path surface laid down

Grass cut more often

Canal banks reinforced

No changes at all

Anything else? Write it here

Q 7: Why is it important for British Waterways to take into account the needs of wildlife when making changes?

Q 8: Do you think the canal is a 'good' or 'bad' thing for the local community?

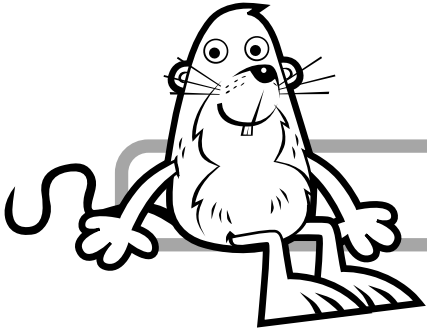
Good

Bad

Don't know

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Don't forget - at the end of the interview -
thank the people for their help!